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# Missing and Murdered Aboriginal Women: A National Operational Overview

Contract and Aboriginal Policing  
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## Context

- Triggers: Multiple and concurrent (Parliament, UN, TRC, NWAC, academics)
- Our Goal: To create a solid dataset for operational planning
- Methodology: (1) Work with Statistics Canada and all implicated police departments; (2) conduct a file/system review; (3) compare with other data
- Limitations: Police data may under-report victims (due to perception, etc.); some data elements were not collected over the entire period
- **Bottom line**: Aboriginal women are over-represented vis-à-vis their proportion of the Canadian population

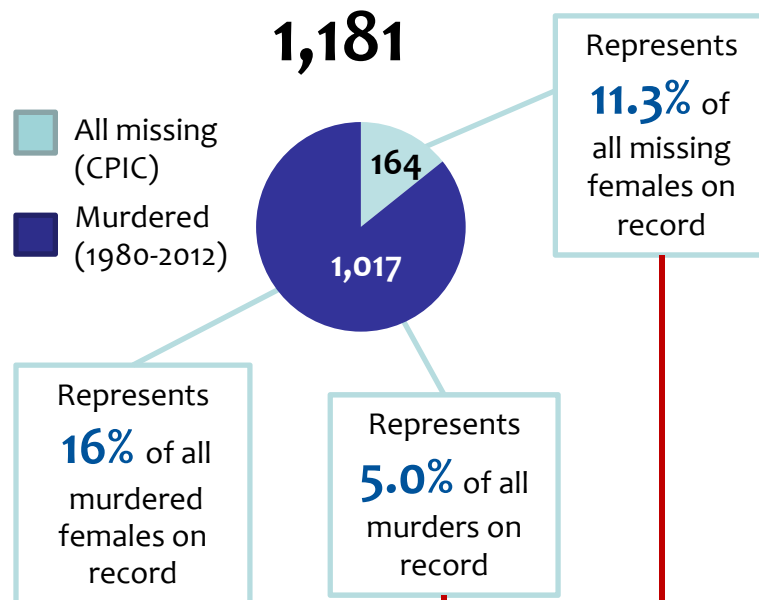


## By the Numbers

(For all police jurisdictions in Canada)

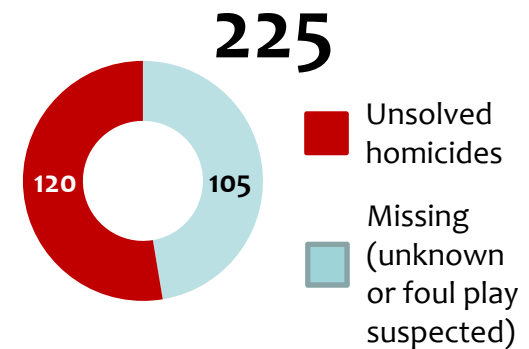
In  
**2013**,  
there were  
**671,554**  
Aboriginal females in  
Canada, which  
represented  
**4%**  
of the female  
population.

### Missing and murdered Aboriginal females



**Aboriginal females are over-represented**

### Total unsolved Aboriginal female occurrences



### Homicide solve rates

**88%**

Aboriginal  
female

**60%**

**89%**

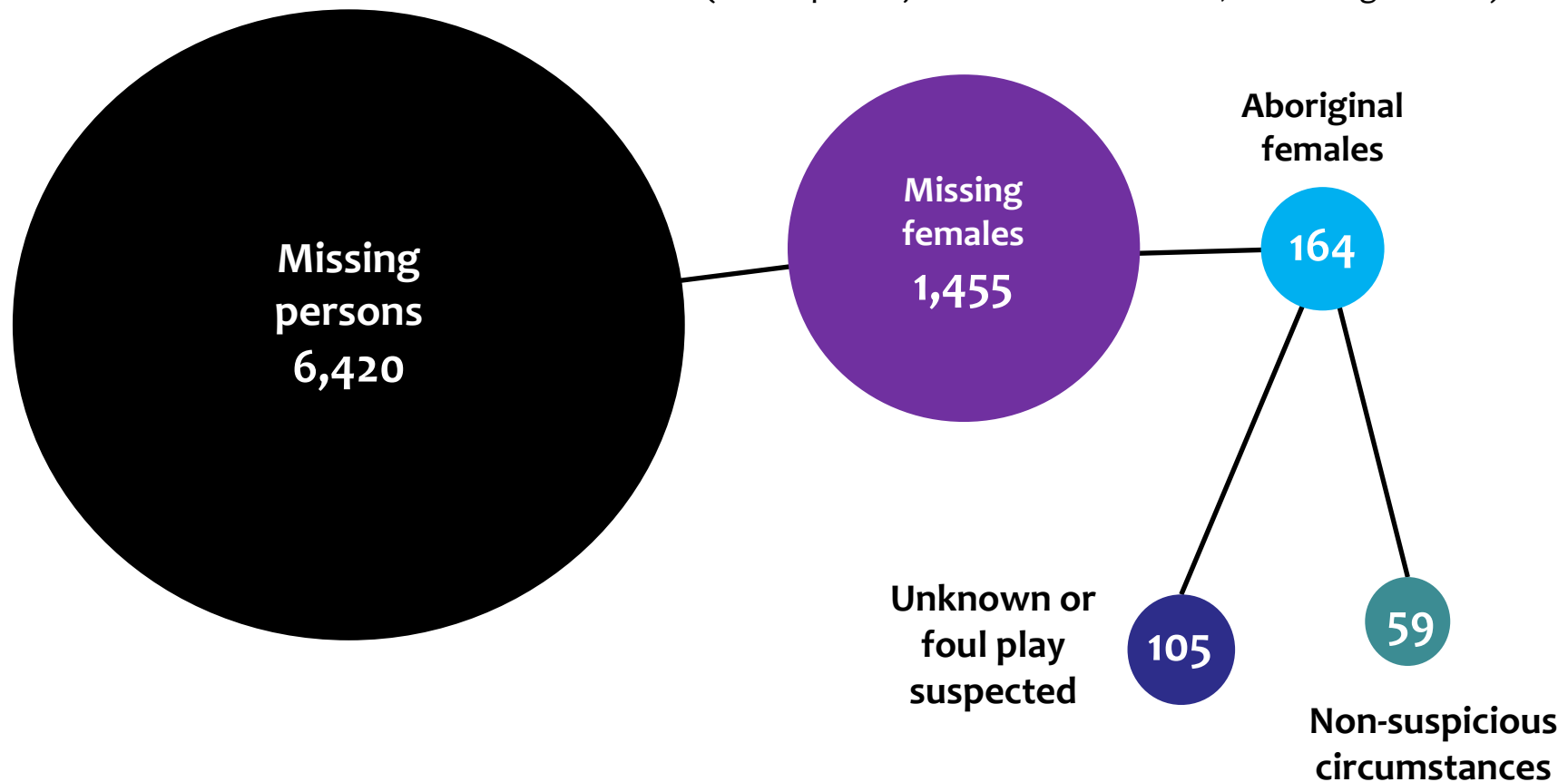
Non-Aboriginal  
female

**65%**

**if involved in sex trade**

## Total Missing, as of Nov. 2013

(For all police jurisdictions in Canada, according to CPIC)



Methodological Note: In this research, “missing” means those women who were recorded on CPIC as missing for more than 30 days as of Nov 4, 2013.

## Murdered: 1980-2012

(For all police jurisdictions in Canada)

Since 1980:

Total female homicides  
trended down

Female Aboriginal homicides  
increased, proportionally

Canada's overall homicide rate  
was comparable to other  
countries, fifth among peers

20,313

Total victims of  
homicide

6,551

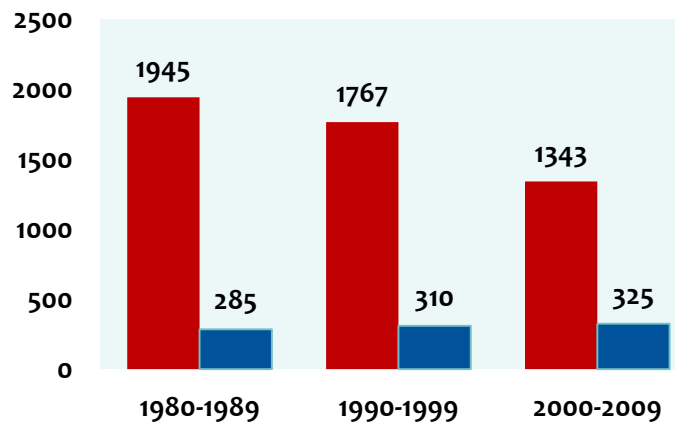
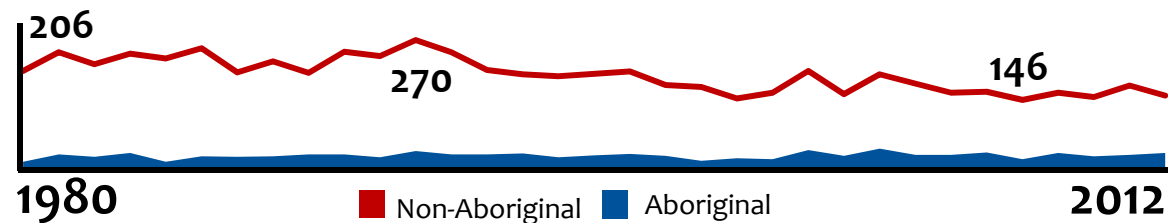
Female victims

16%  
Aboriginal  
(1,017)

83%  
non-  
Aboriginal  
(5,439)

1%  
unknown  
(95)

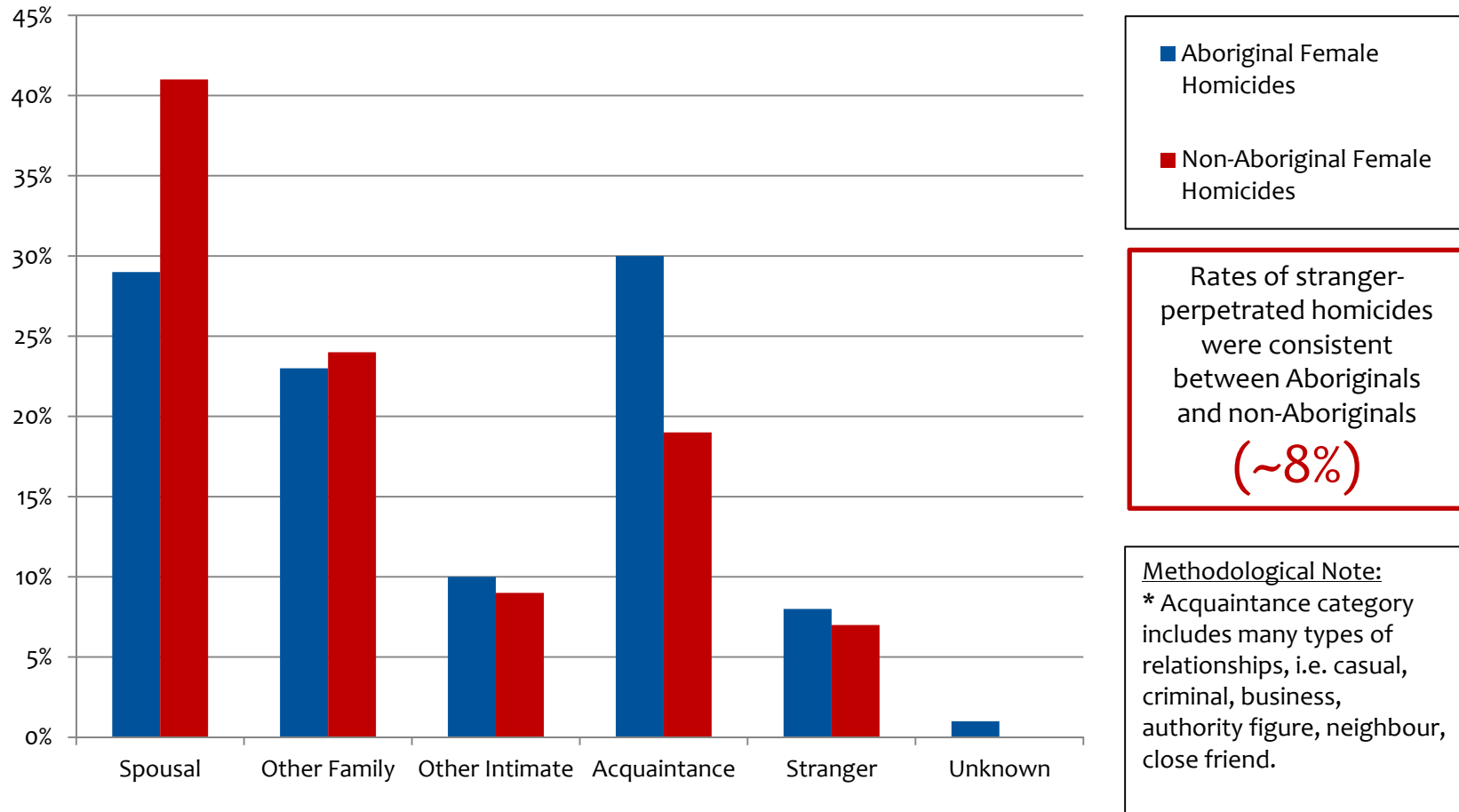
Female homicide victims per year in Canada



Examining homicides  
by decade,  
the **proportional  
increase** among  
Aboriginal females  
is clear

## Offender to Victim relationship

Homicide Offender to Victim Relationship by Category \*



## Next steps

- Strengthening the new dataset by:
  - Emphasizing NCMPUR as the repository of data on missing persons and unidentified remains
- Increase public awareness by:
  - Making data public, after appropriate vetting/approvals
- Re-focus prevention in high-risk communities by:
  - Engaging local communities
  - Tracking performance
- Enhance efforts on outstanding cases



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## SOMETIMES... HOME IS WHERE THE HURT IS.

**PHYSICAL . SEXUAL . THREATS**

Don't keep family violence a secret.  
Help IS available.

Talk to a person you trust. Report incidents of violence to your local police.



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# HAVEN'T HEARD FROM HER?

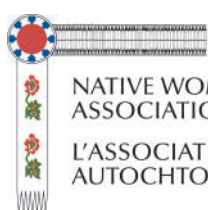
## DON'T WAIT TO ACT.

Report a missing  
person immediately.

Report it to your local Police



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## WHEN SOMEONE IS MISSING...

every detail  
is important.

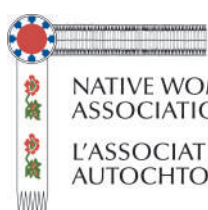


Your tip could help  
bring a loved one home.

Report what you know to your local Police or Crime Stoppers.



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